

REMARKS OF JOHN E. FENTON, JR. AT CARITAS HOLY FAMILY  
HOSPITAL'S PUBLIC HEARING, JUNE 29, 2010

I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL AND ITS PREDECESSOR, BON SECOURS HOSPITAL, FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS, AS A TRUSTEE AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. I AM PRESENTLY TRUSTEE EMERITUS OF THE HOSPITAL.

I WAS A FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF CARITAS CHRISTI AND SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

CARITAS CHRISTI IS NOW HEADED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DR. RALPH de la TORRE. HE HAS WORKED WITH GREAT SUCCESS TO STABILIZE THE FISCAL ISSUES CONFRONTING ALL SIX HOSPITALS IN THE CARITAS SYSTEM.

DR. de la TORRE HAS FINALLY FOUND A WAY THAT THE SIX HOSPITALS MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND MAKE MAJOR RENOVATIONS THAT ARE BADLY NEEDED.

~~TRANSFER TO~~  
~~THE AFFILIATION WITH~~ CERBERUS CAPITAL

MANAGEMENT WILL PROVIDE \$830 MILLION DOLLARS TO CARITAS CHRISTI.

HOLY FAMILY IS ALREADY BENEFITING BY THE COMMITMENT OF CERBERUS TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY \$24 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW, STATE-OF-THE ART AND ENLARGED EMERGENCY CENTER AND THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW ROOF WHICH HAD BEEN LEAKING.

MOST IMPORTANT FOR ME AND FOR SO MANY OTHERS IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE CATHOLIC IDENTITY OF THE HOSPITAL. FOR SIXTY YEARS, HOLY FAMILY WAS THE HOSPITAL OF CHOICE FOR MANY PATIENTS BECAUSE OF ITS CATHOLIC IDENTITY. IT IS THE ONLY CATHOLIC HOSPITAL IN ITS PRIMARY SERVICE AREA OF METHUEN, LAWRENCE, NORTH ANDOVER, ANDOVER AND SALEM, NH.

HOLY FAMILY HAS APPROXIMATELY 1500 EMPLOYEES. IT IS THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN METHUEN.

THE NURSING AND ANCILLARY STAFF OF THE HOSPITAL IS OUTSTANDING. THE MEDICAL STAFF IS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED. IT PROVIDES QUALITY AND SAFE CARE TO ALL PATIENTS. IT PROVIDES HIGH-QUALITY SERVICE TO THE POOR AND THOSE IN NEED.

THE HOSPITAL'S MENS GUILD, WHICH AT ONE TIME HAD A MEMBERSHIP OF NEARLY ONE THOUSAND, AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY HAVE GIVEN THROUGH THE YEARS SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS TO BENEFIT THE HOSPITAL AND ITS PATIENTS.

THE HOSPITAL HAS EXCELLENT AND EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP IN BOARD CHAIRMAN, GERALD T. MULLIGAN, PRESIDENT OF RIVERBANK, AND LESTER P. SCHINDEL, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO HAS ASSEMBLED AN OUTSTANDING MANAGEMENT STAFF.

THE CROSS WHICH SITS ON TOP OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS AND WHICH CAN BE SEEN FOR MILES WHEN ILLUMINATED SIGNALS TO THOSE IN NEED, "COME AND WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO HEAL YOU WITH QUALITY AND

COMPASSIONATE CARE." MAY THE CROSS ALWAYS SHINE  
BRIGHTLY IN THE FUTURE.

I CONCLUDE BY PARAPHRASING WHAT SENATOR DANIEL  
WEBSTER ONCE SAID OF MASSACHUSETTS: I SHALL PLACE  
NO ENCOMIUMS UPON HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL. IT NEEDS  
NONE. BEHOLD ITS RECORD OF SIXTY YEARS OF QUALITY  
SERVICE TO THE SICK, THE POOR AND THE NEEDY AND JUDGE  
FOR YOURSELVES. THE PAST IS SECURE, AND MAY IT  
ENDURE FOREVER.